



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : U.S. National Stage of PCT/EP2004/006216  
Confirmation No. :  
Applicant : Vincent DeGroot et al.  
Filed : Dec. 12, 2005  
Title : Method for monitoring a field device  
TC/A.U. :  
Examiner :  
Docket No. : DEGR3003/FJD  
Customer No. : 23364

**RESPONSE TO TELEPHONE INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Today the undersigned checked the PAIR on the USPTO web cite and noted that the REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION WITH AMENDMENT filed on May 30, 2008 was identified as an amendment to a non-final rejection. In addition no other entry was found bearing a date subsequent to the filing of the noted REQUEST. Accordingly, the examiner was contacted by the undersigned by telephone and asked if he had changed the last Office Action to a non-final Office Action. He indicated that he had not. The undersigned then asked the examiner if he had acted on the REQUEST. He indicated that he had not as yet even received the REQUEST. The examiner could not assure the undersigned that he would receive the REQUEST within the next month to act on it. The examiner was then advised that to avoid a third month extension, an RCE would be filed today with a request to consider the REQUEST filed on May 30, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,



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Date: July 14, 2008